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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged in New York and Chicago. In Atlanta and the Midwest, prices were lower on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. In most other locations, prices were lower on all weights. The market tone was about steady to steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate, instances ample. Breaking stock supplies were at least fully adequate to ample and demand for additional product was light. Light type hens were ample to burdensome for normal to less than normal schedules.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 6 cents lower for the larger sizes and unchanged to 2 cents lower on mediums; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 4 cents lower on extra large and unchanged to 5 cents lower for large and medium, when based on previous week average pricing. In New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady to steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current needs. Breaking stock supplies were ample for the light demand. Light type hens were ample to burdensome and demand was light.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady to steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for trade requirements.

**MIDWEST** Producer in Detroit and major Wisconsin and Ohio cities were 3 cents lower for the larger sizes and unchanged for the balance. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady at best. Retail demand was light to mostly moderate with feature activity providing some extra movement. Food service movement was generally moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Central States nest run breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to lower. Offerings were at least fully adequate for the light and selective demand. Floor stocks were fully adequate to ample. Trade sentiment about steady to barely steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices for all sizes unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Retail and food service demand light to moderate. Supplies adequate to ample with larger sizes in the longest position.

**SOUTHERN** In Atlanta, prices were lower on the larger sizes and unchanged on medium. In Florida, prices were lower on all sizes except smalls, which were unchanged. The market tone was about steady to steady. Demand into all channels was mostly light. Supplies were fully adequate for trade needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending May 4, 2001 was 52.98, 8.63 cents less than the week before and 1.56 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock demand was light for ample offerings. Light type fowl were ample to burdensome for the light demand.

**WESTERN** Prices in California 2 cents lower on jumbo, 3 cents lower on extra large, 5 cents lower on large, and 3 cents lower on medium and small; in the Northwest 4 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 2 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 9% lower than last Monday with California down 6% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 13%. Retailer demand moderate to good, best to cover planned features. Offerings adequate.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	90-92	77-79	70-77
New York	54-56	51-54	49-52
Philadelphia	52-56.5	50-54.5	48-49
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	44-45	42.5-44	41-42
Jackson (1)	54-55	51-52	50-51
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	51-64	48-62	46-60
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	44-49	43-48	38-43
Detroit (2)	41-44	40-43	34-37
Major Ohio Cities (2)	42-48	41-46	35-41
Major Wisconsin Cities	45-52	43-50	38-45
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	59-65	59-60	53-55
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	82	74	72
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 2 cents lower on jumbo, 3 cents lower on extra large, 5 cents lower on large, and 3 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 6% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate. Small invoice price 52. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 79-139, buy 1 get 1 free, 18 pack 2 for \$3, buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets- large 18 pack 98, 2 for \$3. PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

RANGE	
JUMBO	90
EXTRA LARGE	82
LARGE	74
MEDIUM	72
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.	
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	
RANGE	
JUMBO	229-289
EXTRA LARGE	219-259
LARGE	199-229
MEDIUM	187-199

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
RANGE	
JUMBO	239-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-259
LARGE	199-239
MEDIUM	159-199

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 11, 2001 will increase by 6 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 04, 2001 were 252,924 cases which was 23 percent below the prior week and 3 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	215,469	37,455	252,924
% change from the prior week.....	-27	+23	-23

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices ranged unchanged to lower. Offerings were at least fully adequate for the light and selective demand. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Trade sentiment about steady to barely steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	25-27	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	8-12	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were slow to fair with current processing schedules adequate for needs.

Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 07-MAY-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-12 CENTS/LB.	8-9	9.05

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair for fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to heavy. Finished product supplies were adequate to fully adequate for needs. The undertone was mostly steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 07-MAY-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-9.75 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.73
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM MAY 07, 2001

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.9	15.6	5.7	12.8	8.9	50.9
	Change	0.5	-4.0	-1.7	-1.2	-1.1	-13%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	28.1	35.4	12.8	26.8	19.3	122.4
	Change	-4.6	-5.2	0.0	-4.1	-2.8	-12%
Large	Curr Wk	41.5	101.0	57.3	75.6	81.5	356.9
	Change	-1.6	-4.5	-18.6	-4.2	-1.8	-8%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.4	30.8	16.2	22.5	18.3	102.2
	Change	0.4	0.5	1.9	0.1	-4.1	-1%
Small	Curr Wk	3.0	5.2	2.0	4.4	6.0	20.6
	Change	0.1	1.2	-0.2	-1.6	-0.2	-3%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.8	21.3	6.5	12.9	4.6	49.1
	Change	-1.6	4.9	2.2	3.6	-1.1	19%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	33.0	75.5	25.7	20.3	28.1	182.6
	Change	-1.8	-11.6	1.7	-0.1	-5.5	-9%
Total	Curr Wk	131.7	284.8	126.2	175.3	166.7	884.7
Percent	Change	-6%	-6%	-10%	-4%	-9%	-7%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	884.7	-7%	172
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	357.7	11%	38

Total Shell Egg 1242.4 -2% 210  
1/Information is supplied by a universe of 172 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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The five inventory areas are identified as:

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT

North Central- IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI

South Central- AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX

South Atlantic- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV

Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**CANADIAN EGGS** MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 23, 2001

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	178.8	175.8	166.7	113.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING APRIL 23, 2001 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	139	139	129	77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 04, 2001**CURRENT LOADS** 16.50**FUTURE LOADS** 19.25**TOTAL LOADS** 35.75

		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	25.00	27.00	—	27.00	29.00	—	4.00		GNR W 1	—	32.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	25.00	—	2.00		GNR W 3	—	28.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL W XL	—	—	34.50	36.00	36.25	—	4.00		GL W XL	37.00	—	—	—	—	—	49.67	—	—	1.50
GL W LG	—	—	27.00	29.00	35.50	—	5.50		GL W LG	33.00	—	—	—	—	—	42.00	—	—	3.50
GL W MD	27.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		GL W MD	—	30.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W SM	—	—	22.00	24.00	—	—	.25												
GL BR LG	—	—	44.50	46.00	—	—	1.00												
NRBS - 48	—	—	23.00	24.00	—	—	6.50												
NRBS - 39	—	—	9.00	11.00	14.00	16.50	9.25												

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/30/01-05/04/01**CURRENT LOADS** 129.25**FUTURE LOADS** 51.50**TOTAL LOADS** 180.75

		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	LOADS
GNR W 1	26.50	28.50	29.13	29.57	29.87	32.90	27.50		GNR W 1	—	32.92	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.00	
GNR W 2	—	22.00	28.50	31.00	29.00	30.50	6.50		GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	26.50	—	3.00		GNR W 3	—	29.67	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00	
GNR BR 1	38.50	41.50	39.50	40.67	—	—	5.00		GL W J	—	—	44.50	—	—	—	53.00	1.00		
GL W XL	33.00	35.00	36.83	36.18	33.43	—	30.25		GL W XL	36.10	39.40	—	—	33.00	44.40	15.25			
GL W LG	—	—	29.14	35.91	41.67	33.00	19.75		GL W LG	31.28	35.09	—	40.00	—	39.07	23.00			
GL W MD	27.00	32.00	28.22	32.50	29.40	32.00	13.50		GL W MD	—	31.80	33.50	—	—	38.07	6.00			
GL W SM	—	—	21.22	23.56	21.00	—	3.25		GL W SM	23.00	29.25	—	—	—	30.00	2.00			
GL BR LG	—	—	44.50	46.00	—	—	1.00		NRBS - 50	29.00	—	—	—	—	36.00	1.00			
NRBS - 48	23.50	25.50	23.00	24.00	25.11	27.25	30.50		NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	36.25	3.00			
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	22.00	24.00	4.00												
NRBS - 39	24.00	—	21.60	11.00	14.00	16.50	16.25												

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 04/22/01 - 04/28/01**

State	# Cases Shipped To		# Cases Shipped To		# Cases Shipped To		Total State
	Northern,	CA	Central,	CA	Southern,	CA	
Colorado		0.00		0.00		4,856.00	4,856.00
Iowa		5,312.00		768.00		16,076.00	22,156.00
Minnesota		780.00		0.00		7,400.00	8,180.00
Missouri		903.00		756.00		7,032.00	8,691.00
Nevada		0.00		312.00		0.00	312.00
New Hampshire		0.00		0.00		960.00	960.00
Ohio		0.00		0.00		7,465.00	7,465.00
Oregon		1,528.00		378.00		0.00	1,906.00
South Dakota		0.00		0.00		615.00	615.00
Texas		0.00		0.00		2,120.00	2,120.00
Utah		2,111.00		2,160.00		3,840.00	8,111.00
Wisconsin		30.00		0.00		244.00	274.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>10,664.00</b>		<b>4,374.00</b>		<b>50,608.00</b>	<b>65,646.00</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO MILITARY</b>		<b>0.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY</b>		<b>10,664.00</b>		<b>4,374.00</b>		<b>50,608.00</b>	<b>65,646.00</b>

**NEW ENGLAND**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
112-115	71-74	58-61	51-54	18-21

**DETROIT EGGS**

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
49-52	40-46	38-43	32-37	24-28

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
23-25	17-19	10-12

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
63.42	61.72	57.04	44.51

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	04/30/01	04/23/01	05/01/00
PACIFIC COAST	134	98	467
LOS ANGELES	115	70	359

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

LOCAL EGG MARKET PRICES AND INVENTORY FROM LOCAL PRODUCERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION

Receipts from the mainland: 04/22/01-04/28/01

30-dozen cases 5,606

Receipts from the mainland: 04/15/01-04/21/01

30-dozen cases 2,874

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